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Building Committee Minutes 04/21/2009

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

PRESENT: John Cole, Chair, William Shea, Mark Miano, Robert Jefferson, Ron Spangler, Rob Juusola, Suzanne Robinson

ABSENT: Michael Boujoulian, Brian Sullivan

GUESTS: Jeffrey Shaw, Donham & Sweeney
Kevin Nigro

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The committee voted to have price estimates done on one configuration for each station.

Highland Station: Floor level lowered and no addition to the rear for the auxiliary.

Central Station: Vote was for the schematic that included the elevator.

Donham and Sweeney were to get quotes for both stations and PMA to get quotes for Highland Station only.

Below are the notes of Donham & Sweeney:

J. Shaw presented the revised plans showing furniture layouts plus draftn elevations prepared for pricing. Comments offered included:

- Questions about the HVAC systems and locations of AHU's and AC condensers. If the equipment is on the roofs, how will the Arlington Historic Commission respond (and Mass HDC as buildings are listed on State/Federal Register)?

- D&S to look at switching the elevator and stair location at the Central Station to minimize the elevator shaft's appearance from Mass Ave.
- Do we need 2 public toilets on the ground floor? The park circle station has only one.
- More room is need for the Auxiliary; can the boiler room and the fan room be reduced in size and the Training Room or other program relocated to the north side of the basement?
- Bob Jefferson is OK with Option B for the Central Station if the Auxiliary can be made larger.
- Great concern was expressed about whether the new apparatus can fit in the Highland Station; D&S has shown preliminary drawings indicating the building could be lowered by 10" and still have a positive slope of $\frac{1}{4}$ " per foot to the street. Drainage options should be looked at to see if the floor can be lowered more than 10".

The Committee voted to have D&S proceed with Central Station Option B.

D&S to look at relocation scenarios and costs. When the Central Station is renovated, the Fire Protection group and one engine company will need to remain at Central in temporary quarters. D&S was asked to look at costs for housing one piece of apparatus within the station during construction.

Kevin Nigro was asked to provide a separate cost estimate on the Highlands Station as well as work with Bob Jefferson to confirm a number of owner's costs in the cost estimate provided by D&S. Kevin would report these costs to D&S prior to May 5 meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 May. The agenda will include review of cost estimate and project budgets for both buildings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Shea